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For: Backlight Device and Liquid Crystal )  
Display Device )

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Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-11728 discloses a basic structure of a backlight.

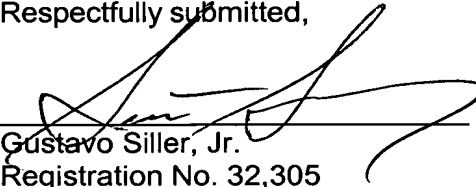
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	A1	5,626,800	05/1997	Todd R. Williams et al.		

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	A2	2000-011728	01/2000	Japan		X	

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